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Saint Paul employees, citizens, and visitors have a rare chance to experience a portrait of America that is unique in the world of art.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art, at the Landmark Center in downtown Saint Paul, is presenting an exhibition of Normal Rockwell's 322 "Saturday Evening Post" covers. The Vermont- and Massachusetts-based artist produced the 322 covers for the popular national magazine from 1916, when the artist was 22 years old, until 1963, when he was 69.

The exhibit shows a chronological progression of the 322 magazine covers, depicted in a complete set of the publication's tear sheets. Many of the original paintings were destroyed in a fire at Rockwell's studio in 1948.

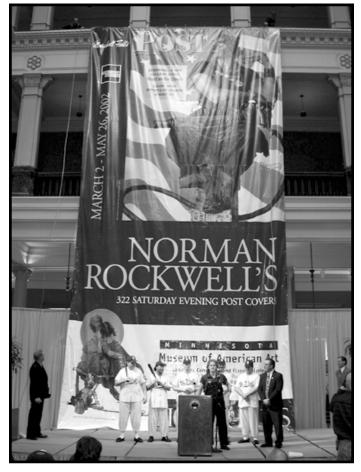
The Saturday Evening Post was Rockwell's primary client throughout his career. He painted about a halfdozen covers for them every year.

Other prominent clients included the Boy Scouts of America and and Saint Paul printing company Brown & Bigelow, Inc. The museum will also

> be exhibiting four original Rockwell paintings commissioned by Brown & Bigelow, for its calendars. Three of these were stolen in 1978 from a Saint Louis Park gallery, and recently were recovered by the FBI in Brazil.

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Norman Rockwell's representation of "Rosie the Riveter" came to life on March 1st to announce the artist's exhibit of 322 magazine covers at the Minnesota Museum of American Art. The show continues through May 26th.





Saint Paul employees exhited their own slice of Americana at the Norman Rockwell exhibit media event on March 1st, representing the look of a local baseball team from perhaps 100 years ago. The Saint Paul "Nine" (more like eight and a half) are, from left, Carl Kuhl, Marketing; Erich Mische, Marketing, holding his son, Owen; John Marshall, City Council offices; Ken Smith, Council Research; Laura Mortenson, Mayor's office; Mike Neaton, Citizen Service Office; Greg Blees, Budget office; and Jason Reid, Mayor's office. "Team manager" Randy Kelly is at the podium.

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Telling tales of ordinary life in his art, Rockwell's art has been compared to that of the PEANUTS creator, Saint Paul native Charles Schulz. Coincidentally, a show of Schulz's art is now on exhibit at the

Normal Rockwell Museum, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

You can see more museum and Rockwell exhibit information at www.mmaa.org, or you may contact them at 651-292-4355. The Rockwell museum is at www.nrm.org.



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Pre-retirement Planning Seminar set for April, May

If you're planning to retire in the next ten years, and you haven't attended one of the City's preretirement planning seminars, now is your chance!

The pre-retirement planning seminar is a long-range planning seminar designed to help you take practical steps NOW to enable you to spend your retirement years as you choose.

Information about Social Security, public pensions, fitness, nutrition, legal readiness, estate planning, financial planning, deferred compensation, and employee benefits will be presented by experts in their fields.

The seminar is scheduled for three Wednesdays: April 17, 24, and May 1, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

All sessions will be held in Room 40 A & B of City Hall.

Registration is limited to 50 City employees. <u>Please do not register unless you will be able to attend all three sessions.</u>

To register, please submit a Risk Management Seminar Application to the Risk Management Division, 240 City Hall, by April 5.

Applications are available from your department training representative and at RICH (Resource Information Center on Health) on the skyway level of the City Hall Annex. If a partner will be attending with you, please include that person's name on your application.

City job openings as of March 8th, 2002

Application Job title Yearly Exam deadline salary rate date

Please Note: Mayor Kelly has announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul. The testing and application process will be continuing for certain positions, and hiring decisions will be made on a case by case basis. The City does anticipate that some exceptions to the freeze will be approved, particularly for certain seasonal/summer positions. You are encouraged to continue your interest in City employment by completing the job application process.